

**Memorandum of Understanding**

***Regarding***

***Tribal - USDA-Forest Service Relations***

***on***

***National Forest Lands Within the Territory Ceded***

***in the Washington Treaty of 1836 and any National Forest Lands Located***

***within the Exterior Boundaries of the Reservation of any Signatory Tribe***

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**APPENDIX E**

**NATIONAL FOREST CAMPGROUNDS**

**CAMPGROUND FEE AND LENGTH OF STAY RESTRICTION**

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

As required by the National Forest Campground Fee and Length of Stay Restriction Exemption Agreement, this document identifies:

- ♦ Fee-Exempt Campgrounds: Those National Forest campgrounds that may be used without charge in the exercise of the Tribes' ceded territory rights;
- ♦ Length of Stay Restrictions: Those National Forest campgrounds for use in the exercise of the Tribes' ceded territory rights that have specific length of stay limitations between June 15 and August 15; and
- ♦ Campgrounds "Closed" at Certain Times of the Year: Those National Forest campgrounds where camping outside of their annual operating season is prohibited without a special tribal permit.

This document also provides additional information beyond what is specifically required by the Exemption Agreement, such as whether campgrounds are operated by concessionaires. This additional information is included to provide a single source where tribal leaders, tribal members and those responsible for administering the tribal National Forest camping regulations can look for information about the status of particular campgrounds.

This document is assembled as a table. The columns contained in this table are explained below.

## **II. EXPLANATION OF TABLE AND COLUMNS**

### **A. COLUMN 1 – CAMPGROUNDS**

Column 1 lists all campgrounds found on Forest Service lands that are addressed by the Exemption Agreement and Implementation Plan. As used in this document, "campground" means those campgrounds and campsites where a fee would otherwise have to be paid by the general public to spend the night and where some process, such as registration, is used to identify the camper and the specific campsite that will be used.

At this time, Column 1 includes some campgrounds that are not fee-exempt for tribal members. These are included in the interest of providing complete information. As campgrounds change status, Column 1 will be amended.

## **B. COLUMN 2 – FEE-EXEMPT**

Column 2 indicates whether the campground is fee exempt; that is, where fees are waived for tribal members camping while exercising their treaty rights. Campgrounds on this list that are not fee exempt are those that have concessionaire contracts in place.

As these concessionaire campgrounds change status and become fee-exempt, the list will be amended.

## **C. COLUMN 3 – LENGTH OF STAY LIMITATIONS**

Column 3 deals with how long tribal members may camp at a particular site. Under general Forest Service rules, people are not permitted to remain in a campsite for more than two weeks or 16 days, depending on the particular National Forest. For tribal members camping while exercising their treaty rights, these length of stay restrictions do not apply for most campgrounds. The term “waived” is used in Column 3 where there are no length of stay restrictions for tribal members.

Where the Tribes have agreed, some campgrounds have a length of stay restriction during the period June 15 through August 15, the peak tourist season. Column 3 shows these the length of stay restrictions in number of days and the dates within which these restrictions apply in parentheses.

Tribal members must comply with the existing length of stay restrictions in campgrounds operated by concessionaires that presently are not fee-exempt. These length of stay restrictions apply at all times and are listed in Column 3 in number of day.

## **D. COLUMN 4 – CLOSED OR OUT OF SERVICE**

Column 4 identifies those campsites that are closed to camping outside of the annual operating season without a special tribal permit and those campgrounds where camping may take place but where no services are provided. This is a distinction in both tribal and Forest Service regulations. It applies to campgrounds during the non-camping season (usually winter).

Some campgrounds are designated as closed and all camping in these sites is prohibited during the off-season without a special tribal permit. Column 4 identifies these as “closed.”

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Column 4 identifies other campgrounds are designated as “out of service.” In these campgrounds, camping during the off-season is permitted but limited services would be available then. For example, there may be no toilet facilities, or garbage would not be collected. Tribal members may camp in these areas with the understanding that certain services would not be provided.

#### **E. COLUMN 5 – CONCESSIONAIRES (EXPIRATION DATES)**

Column 5 identifies those campgrounds that are operated by concessionaires under contract with the Forest Service. Some concessionaire contacts were already in place when the Exemption Agreement went into effect. Fees and length of stay restrictions currently are not waived in them. The Forest Service has agreed that as these contracts are renegotiated, the fee and length of stay exemptions will be addressed. For now, however, if there is a “yes” in the Column 5, then fees and length of stay restrictions are not waived. The year the contracts are up for renewal is listed in the parentheses so that as a reminder to address fee waivers and length of stay restriction waivers when contracts are renegotiated.

#### **F. COLUMN 6 – RESERVATIONS**

Column 6 identifies with a “yes”, campgrounds that use a local or national reservation system to reserve particular campsites within a campground. Typically not all campsites in a campground are included in the reservation system. Tribes and tribal members may use the reservation system but with certain restrictions (*see* Section 6(c) in the Exemption Agreement). Generally, tribal members making reservation through the national reservation system will have to pay both camping fees and a reservation fee.

### Hiawatha National Forest

<b>Campground</b>	<b>Fee Exempt</b>	<b>Length of Stay Limits</b>	<b>Closed or Out of Service</b>	<b>Concessionaires (Expiration Date)</b>	<b>Reservations</b>
AuTrain	No	14	Closed	Yes (2009)	No
Bay View	No	14	Closed	Yes (2006)	No
Bay Furnace	No	14	Closed	Yes (2009)	No
Brevort Lake	No	14	Closed	Yes (2008)	No
Camp 7	No	14	Closed	Yes (2009)	Yes
Carp River	No	14	Closed	Yes (2008)	No
Colwell Lake	No	14	Closed	Yes (2009)	Yes
Corner Lake	No	14	Closed	Yes (2009)	No
Corner Lake	No	14	Closed	Yes (2008)	No
Flowing Well	No	14	Closed	Yes (2009)	Yes
Foley Creek	No	14	Closed	Yes (2008)	No
Indian River	No	14	Closed	Yes (2009)	No
Island Lake	No	14	Closed	Yes (2009)	No
Lake Michigan	No	14	Closed	Yes (2008)	No
Little Bay de Noc	No	14	Closed	Yes (2009)	Yes
Little Bass Lake	No	14	Closed	Yes (2009)	No
Monocle Lake	No	14	Closed	Yes (2006)	No
Pete's Lake	No	14	Closed	Yes (2009)	No
Soldier Lake	No	14	Closed	Yes (2006)	No
Three Lake	No	14	Closed	Yes (2006)	No
Widewaters	No	14	Closed	Yes (2009)	No
<b>Dispersed Fee Demo Campsites:</b>					
Cookson Lake (5)	Yes	Waived	Out of Service	No	Yes
Ewing Point (1)	Yes	Waived	Out of Service	No	Yes
Bass Lake (1)	Yes	Waived	Out of Service	No	Yes
Bear Lake (1)	Yes	Waived	Out of Service	No	Yes
Camp Cook (4)	Yes	Waived	Out of Service	No	Yes
Carr Lake (1)	Yes	Waived	Out of Service	No	Yes

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Chicago Lake (4)	Yes	14	Out of Service	No	Yes
Crooked Lake (4)	Yes	Waived	Out of Service	No	Yes
East Lake (3)	Yes	Waived	Out of Service	No	Yes
Gooseneck Lake (4)	Yes	Waived	Out of Service	No	Yes
Ironjaw Lake (1)	Yes	Waived	Out of Service	No	Yes
Jackpine Lake (2)	Yes	Waived	Out of Service	No	Yes
Lake Nineteen (1)	Yes	Waived	Out of Service	No	Yes
Leg Lake (2)	Yes	Waived	Out of Service	No	Yes
Lyman Lake (10)	Yes	14	Out of Service	No	Yes
Minerva Lake (1)	Yes	Waived	Out of Service	No	Yes
Mowe Lake (2)	Yes	Waived	Out of Service	No	Yes
Stueben Lake (2)	Yes	Waived	Out of Service	No	Yes
Swan Lake (4)	Yes	14	Out of Service	No	Yes
Triangle Lake (2)	Yes	14	Out of Service	No	Yes
Council Lake (6)	Yes	Waived	Out of Service	No	Yes

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**Huron-Manistee National Forest**

<b>Campground</b>	<b>Fee Exempt</b>	<b>Length of Stay Limits</b>	<b>Closed, Out of Service</b>	<b>Concessionaires (Expiration Date)</b>	<b>Reservations</b>
Bear Track	No	14	Out of Service	Yes (2010)	No
Benton Lake	No	14	Closed	Yes (2007)	No
Bowman Bridge	No	14	Closed	Yes (2008)	Yes (Group Site+40%)
Dorner Lake	No	14	Out of Service	Yes (2010)	No
Driftwood Valley	No	14	Out of Service	Yes (2010)	No
Gleasons Landing	No	14	Out of Service	Yes (2008)	Yes (Group Site)
Hemlock	No	14	Closed	Yes (2010)	No
Highbank Lake	No	14	Closed	Yes (2007)	No
Kneff Lake	No	14	Closed	Yes (2010)	No
Lake Michigan Recreation Area	No	14	2 Loops Closed 2 Loops Out of Service	Yes (2008)	Yes (Group Sites)
Nichols Lake	No	14	Closed	Yes (2007)	No
Old Grade	No	14	Closed	Yes (2007)	No
Peterson Bridge	No	14	Closed	Yes (2010)	No
Pine Lake	No	14	Out of Service	Yes (2010)	No
Pines Point	No	14	Closed	Yes (2007)	No
Ravine	Yes	Waived	Out of Service	No	No
Sand Lake	No	14	Closed	Yes (2008)	Yes (Group Sites)
Seaton Creek	No	14	Out of Service	Yes (2010)	No
Timber Creek	Yes	Waived	Out of Service	No	No
Udell Rollways	No	14	Out of Service	Yes (2010)	No

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